

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner's attention to the present application is noted with appreciation.

The Examiner indicated that claims 1-8 were allowed.

The Examiner indicated that claim 10 would be allowed if written into dependent form and included the elements of claim 9. Claim 10 has been rewritten in independent form and now includes the elements of claim 9.

Claim 9 has been cancelled.

Claims 11-17, which previously depended upon claim 9, have been amended to now depend on claim 10, which as previously stated has been placed in a condition for allowance. It is thus believed that claims 11-17 are also now in a condition for allowance.

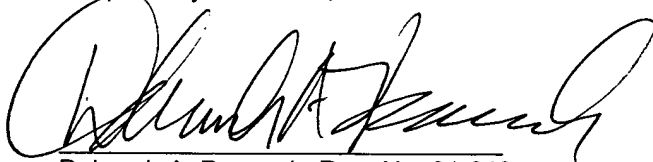
Claim 18 has been canceled.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all grounds of rejection and objection have been avoided and/or traversed. It is believed that the case is now in condition for allowance and same is respectfully requested.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner believes that prosecution of this application might be expedited by discussion of the issues, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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